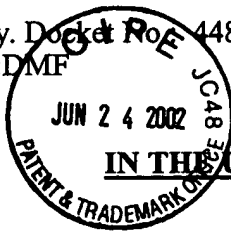


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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to an Office Action mailed on March 8, 2002 (the "Office Action"). The period for filing a response to the Office Action has been extended by a Petition filed concurrently herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). Thus, a response to the Office Action is due no later than July 8, 2002, and this Amendment is being timely filed.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment prior to continued examination of the above-identified patent application.

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